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COMMUNICATIONS.

For the Philanthropist.

CASE OF MAHAN.—MEETING OF THE CITIZENS OF SARDINIA.

A meeting of the citizens of Sardinia and vicinity was held November 21st, 1838; ELI HUGGINS was called to the Chair, and JAMES SHAW was chosen Secretary. After a recital of the proceedings of a previous meeting, preparatory to this, the following Report and Resolutions were adopted:

The committee appointed at a meeting of the citizens of Sardinia held Nov. 1st, 1838, to present to this meeting a statement of facts in connection with the arrest and imprisonment of the Rev. John B. Mahan of this place, respectfully report,

That for the last six months our neighborhood has been unusually infested with negro-hunters, who have in several instances and in various ways displayed the demoralizing influence of slavery. They have prowled about the neighborhood by night, watched the houses, and it is believed, searched the barns and out houses, and robbed the grainfields of our citizens. In one case a Kentuckian and a rabble of vile fellows who had he collected, about thirty in number, were prowling through the woods on the third Sabbath of last September. As they came near a house, the occupant went out to see what was going on. When he approached near enough to see the company, judging their business from their appearance, he concluded to return again to his own house. As he turned, the Kentuckian saw him, and ordered him to stop; but thinking he had a right to do as he pleased, he gave no heed to the order. The Kentuckian started towards him and repeated the command to stop. The man then quickened his pace and the Kentuckian spurred his horse to the gallop and overtook the individual by time he arrived at his own enclosure; and while he was in the act of jumping or falling over the fence, the negro-hunter drew a pistol and fired at him. The ball glanced the rail where he sat the instant before.

Another case of the same kind occurred on the 24th of last June. A Kentuckian, with a mercenary, went to the house of a neighbor and inquired for a stray horse. He professed to be an abolitionist, (was also on the Sabbath.) The man, knowing that abolitionists were not in the habit of hunting horses on the Sabbath, suspected all was not fair, charged them with being negro-hunters, and invited them to leave his premises. The hiring complied, but the Kentuckian refused.

The man got his axe and repeated his order. The Kentuckian drew a pistol and snapped it at him.

The man advanced, and the Kentuckian com-

menced a retreat, but before leaving the premises he turned and snapped his pistol once or twice more; and afterward took deliberate aim and snapped again at the citizen. The pistol was charged, for he fired it on starting away.

At the same time William Greathouse, a convic-

ted felon of Mason county, Ky., who afterwards pre-

pared the arrest of Mr. Mahan, was also in the

neighborhood several days hunting a fugitive.

After searching through the country for some time, he concluded that his slave was at the house of Lewis Pettijohn. He and his mercenaries traversed the country for five or six miles around Sardinia, and having succeeded in collecting a mob of twenty or thirty persons, of the fifth and offspring of society within that bounds, marched to the house of Mr. Pettijohn. The following description of the proceeding there, is extracted from a letter written by Mrs. Pettijohn to her relations in Ky. a short time after the event took place. She says, "On the 25th of June we were aroused about eleven o'clock at night, by a company of strangers, we knew not who. They demanded their black man. Lewis told them there was no black man here and demanded their names, but they refused to give them. They demanded entrance, this he refused to grant. They said they had a warrant to take him, told him to light a candle and they would show their authority. And they would show their authority. Accordingly he lighted a candle, and when they saw that he was alone, they rushed furiously into the house, snatched the candle out of his hand, presented a pistol to his breast and damned his abolition soul, telling him if he opened his mouth they would shoot him dead on the spot. They then commenced a search, and after searching the house through to no effect, they said he should tell them where the negro was, or they would give him five hundred lashes with a cowhide. They laid hold on his feet and commenced pulling him out of bed, (for he had come back to bed when they began their search,) and struck him twice with a club, and stripped the bed clothes off of me, to see, as they said, if the negro was not in bed with me. They told us they would kill him if he did not tell where the negro was. And on the other hand they offered him fifty dollars if he would tell. So he feigned a compromise, and directed them to Thos. Campbell's a short way off. Away they went, in high glee, for Mr. Campbell's, but they took the precaution to set a guard over us, that we should not leave until they returned. As they departed they told Pettijohn that if they did not find the negro they would return and kill him."

They went to Campbell's, got into the house before he knew their business, and searched it, and not finding the slave, they returned to Mr. Pettijohn's, but he and his family had escaped from the ground. The mob, rightly judging that they might find difficulty in prosecuting further search, concluded to disperse. A number of them in returning to their homes, passed through the colored settlement near this, and violently broke into one of the houses and searched it. The next morning Greathouse started home, and said he would go to Kentucky and get two hundred men to come with him and burn down Sardinia.

In relation to the conduct of Mr. Mahan, for which he was indicted in Mason county, Ky., we would state, that a man called at his tavern on the morning of the 21st of June, 1838. He remained in Sardinia during the day. He was treated as

We are verily guilty concerning our brother • • • therefore is this distress come upon us.

CINCINNATI, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1838.

SAMUEL A. ALLEY, Printer.

WHOLE NO. 147.

bell of Ripley; John and William McCoy of Russellsburg, besides citizens of Adams co., is a fact of such general notoriety in this county that few, if any, will dispute it.

ISAAC M. BECK,
MATTHEW KINCAID, } Committee.
JAMES SHAW, —

DEPOSITIONS.

Deposition of Joseph Pettijohn of Washington township, Brown county, taken on the 10th day of November, 1838.

The said Joseph Pettijohn doth depose and say, that on the 14th day of Sept., 1838, at a general muster, in said Brown county, he heard a man that had been in this neighborhood for several days from Mason co., Ky., in search of two black men and one mulatto, who had run away from Ky., say, that he would give five hundred dollars at any time, to any responsible man, or set of men, that would oblige themselves to deliver John B. Mahan in Maysville, in said Mason county, Ky.

And further this deponent saith not.

JOSEPH PETTIJOHN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, Joseph Wright, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said county of Brown, the day and year first above written.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, J. P.

Deposition of Zachariah Pettijohn of Washington township, Brown county, taken on the 27th day of Nov., 1838.

The said Zachariah Pettijohn doth depose and say, that on the — day of Sept., 1838, at a general muster in said Brown co., he heard a man that he understood had been in this neighborhood for several days from Mason co., Ky., in search of three colored men, who had run away from Ky., say, he would give five hundred dollars to any man, or set of men, that would deliver John B. Mahan in Ky. And further this deponent saith not.

ZACHARIAH PETTIJOHN.

Sworn to and subscribed this 27th day of Nov., 1838, before me, M. KINCAID, J. P.

The deposition of Wm. A. Frazier of Sardinia, Brown county, Ohio, taken on the 1st day of December, 1838.

He deposes and saith that on the 25th of June last, he heard one of the mob who had been at L. Pettijohn's on said night as he was returning through Sardinia, speak aloud from the street to Mr. Mahan, who was in his own house, swearing at him that there was twenty-five hundred dollars offered for him in Kentucky.

WM. R. FRAZIER.

Sworn to and subscribed this 1st day of Dec., 1838, before me,

M. KINCAID, J. P.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st, Resolved.—That as our neighbor and fellow-citizen, the Rev. John B. Mahan, has been torn from his family and friends by the authorities of Kentucky, and the supineness of the Governor of this State, acting together upon the oath of a perfidious villain, as it was directed to the Sheriff of Brown county, whereas it should have been directed to the Sheriff of Mason county, for the prisoner had been delivered into his custody by the Sheriff of Brown county. He further stated that their attorney had told them that a mistake of that kind would be made. Whether Mr. Mahan had been delivered over we cannot say, but we think it highly probable he had not been, for Mr. Crabb, the deputy Sheriff, by whom Mr. Mahan was arrested, was at Sheriff Blair's getting the certificate of transfer written when the company left Georgetown, and did not start out after them for some time after they had left. Mr. Crabb was in company going on to the river when the writ of *habeas corpus* was read. Whether this was not a trick, we leave the reader to judge. For testimony that Hamer was the counsel spoken of, we refer the reader to the defense of the authorities of Ky., and of their own conduct in the case of Mahan, published by David Wood and A. A. Wodsworth, which defence has been published in many of the newspapers of this and other States.

That Mr. Mahan was at home on both of the days specified in the indictment, and for several days before and after, can be proved, we think to the satisfaction of the public. And his neighbors are fully satisfied that he has not been in Mason county, Ky., for something like nineteen years; but we do not deem it necessary to publish depositions to substantiate these statements; for the reason that the contrary was not even intimated on the trial; and we suppose that the evidence and pleading will be laid before the public.

Mr. Mahan has always sustained an unblushing moral character in this community, where he has resided for the last fourteen years. He is highly esteemed for his integrity and benevolence, and firm adherence to principles, by the intelligent portion of his fellow citizens. And the only objection made to him as a minister of the gospel was on the ground of his abolitionism and teetotalism on the subject of temperance.

There was an allegation made on the trial, that Mahan acted through an agent, a colored man in Maysville, and that he received the fugitives in Ohio, and assisted them to make their escape. In reply we would say, that we are acquainted with Mahan's opinions, circumstances and business, and some of us know, probably, of every fugitive he ever saw. We think, therefore, that we are competent to form a correct opinion; and we do not hesitate to disclose, as our settled conviction, that the whole matter in relation to the agency business is false, without the least shadow of a doubt.

2d, Resolved.—That the conduct of T. L. Hamer, in refusing to give his services to maintain the insulted sovereignty of his own State and the rights of one of her citizens, and in afterwards giving his counsel to complete a conspiracy against both, has forfeited public confidence, and ought never again to be entrusted with public or individual interest until he manifests repentance by its appropriate fruits.

3d, Resolved.—That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the paper in this county, and in the Philanthropist.

ELI HUGGINS, Pres't.

JAMES SHAW, Sec'y.

Sardinia, Nov. 21st, 1838.

For the Philanthropist.

MR. MAHAN AND THE WHITEOAK ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Whiteoak Anti-slavery Society held at Sardinia on the 28th of November, after several speeches were made and the usual business of the society transacted, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1st.—That southern slavery and northern liberty are antagonists, and both cannot exist.

2d.—That we regard the conduct of John B. Mahan in administering to the wants of the homeless and almost friendless colored man, which has been made the pretext for his imprisonment for the last two months, as a religious duty, and instead of being intimidated by the treatment he has received, we hereby declare to the world that we have waxed confident through his bonds, and that we intend to discharge this duty more conscientiously in time to come, as God may give us opportunity.

3d.—That in view of the sufferings which our dear brother has endured, and to which we are daily exposed, we need our need of more of the mind that was in Christ Jesus, that when we suffer for well-doing, we may take it patiently, and not dishonor that holy name by which we are called.

4th.—That in the effects of brother Mahan's

imprisonment, we have additional evidence that all the opposition of our enemies, whether according to Lynch law or the law of the land, tends, in the course of Divine Providence only to promote the cause of truth and righteousness.

5th.—That there is nothing but the blinding influence or malice of their cherished opposition to equal rights, can lead men to take a course so well adapted to promote the cause they wish to destroy.

6th.—That we use every effort to get petitions immediately before the Ohio Legislature, praying for the repeal of an act entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, That when any person shall be brought before any justice of the peace within this State, charged with the commission of any criminal offence against the laws of any other State, or of any of the Territories of the United States, it shall be lawful, and it is hereby made the duty of such justice of the peace, to hear and examine such charge, and upon proof, BY HIM ADJUDGED SUFFICIENT, TO COMMIT SUCH PERSON TO THE JAIL of the county in which such examination shall take place, or to CAUSE SUCH PERSON TO BE DELIVERED TO SOME SUITABLE PERSON, TO BE REMOVED TO THE PROPER PLACE OF JURISDICTION.

Sec. 2. That whenever such person is committed to jail by any justice of the peace, by virtue of this Act, it shall be the duty of such justice of the peace forthwith to give notice, by letter, to be directed to the sheriff of the county in which such offence shall have been committed, or to the person injured by such crime or offence, which letter may be sent by mail, and no person so committed shall be delayed longer in jail, than is necessary to allow a reasonable time to the person or persons so notified, after they have received such notice, to apply for the person so committed.

JOHN H. KEITH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
DAVID T. DISNEY,
Speaker of the Senate.

February 28th, 1834.

And the enactment of a law similar to an act of the Kentucky Legislature entitled

AN ACT

To amend and reduce into one the several acts, authorizing the apprehending of Fugitives from Justice: Approved January 27, 1815.—5 Litt. 185.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That whenever the governor or the executive authority of any of the United States or territories of the United States, or the government of any state or territory, or any person or persons, by requisition or demand to apprehend a fugitive from justice, pursuant to the constitution and laws of the United States, it shall be the duty of the governor of this state to issue his warrant, directed specially to the sheriff of any county, or generally to all sheriffs or constables in this state, authorizing and requiring them, to apprehend said fugitive, and bring him or her before some circuit judge or assistant judge of the circuit court of any county, to further delay it according to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That such circuit or assistant judge, before whom said fugitive is brought, shall proceed by proper and legal testimony to inquire into the matter so far as shall be necessary to ascertain the identity of the person demanded by the requisition of the governor of such other state or territory, and if such circuit or assistant judge shall be satisfied of the genuineness of the requisition, he shall remand the fugitive to the custody of the officer who has such alleged fugitive in custody. But if it shall appear that the person so apprehended is the same designated in such requisition of the governor or executive authority of such other state or territory, and ordered to be apprehended by the warrant of the governor of this state, the circuit or assistant judge before whom he or she is brought, shall remand him or her to be delivered up to the agent of the state or territory or authority having him in custody, or to the state or territory agreeably to the laws of the United States. Or if such agent be not present, said circuit or assistant judge may commit such fugitive, by warrant, to any county in this state; and the judge, so commits the fugitive, shall immediately inform the governor of this state of the commitment of such fugitive, and to what jail he or she has been committed; and on demand he or she shall be delivered to the agent or messenger. But if no agent or messenger shall apply and demand the body of such fugitive within three months from the time of his or her commitment, he or she shall be discharged from imprisonment.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the agent or messenger of the state or territory demanding such fugitive, shall, at the time of receiving his or her body, pay all legal costs incurred in apprehending and securing such fugitive, due to the different officers and witnesses attending the inquiry.

Resolved.—That the Editor of the Philanthropist be furnished with a copy of said Kentucky statute, and a request to publish the same in the Philanthropist.

Nov. 30th, 1838.

FROM THE SOUTH.

For the Philanthropist.

Dr. Bailey.—Sir, I send you the following extract of a letter received from a resident of the far South, and in a State in which the majority of the people are slaves.

JOHN RANKIN.

Dear Brother—I have just finished reading the Philanthropist received by the last mail.

The principles of abolition are making rapid strides; it spreads like fire in stubble. In view of this fact I am compelled to ask myself—If this council or work be not of God, is it not strange that being of men it should thus prosper? It is rapidly assuming a character and position among the subjects of general interest which are intimately connected with the "weal or woe" of our common country, that will not admit of silence or trifling. There is an array of vigorous talent, moral power and responsibility in the ranks of the anti-slavery party, that must command the respect of the most sneering opponent.

If we of the south would stop the progress of anti-slavery principles, it is the consummation of folly to stop our ears and shut our eyes, and cry, "there is no danger," and thus remain ignorant of the facts and merits of the case, while it is stealing like leaven through every part of the community, until we long we shall be perfectly impotent and helpless before the influence of the north. And suppose we bestir ourselves, what can we do?

Why just what many of the southern editors are now doing—giving vent to great swelling words, and nothing more. Should the south in fit of madness succeed in the ruinous scheme of breaking off from the Union, the slaveholding states would be vastly worse. I am in some considerable degree apprised of the intellectual strength, and moral influence which exist in the south; and mark my words, for I speak advisedly,—except three, nay, two of the slaveholding states, and in the remainder there is not virtue enough to sustain an independent government ten years withoutarchy and revolution.

The following view of the subject will bring any mind to the same conclusion. The mass of mankind are more influenced by their feelings than the clear convictions of judgment. The evils of slavery appeal most powerfully to the sympathies of every heart where there is real humanity or philanthropy.

Add to this number those who oppose the sys-

lous year we were invited to share in the discussion, D. L. Howes, a student of the place, joined our side and opened the debate. Order reigned until he and his opponent got through, when I was called on and had scarcely commenced, before horns sounded, bells rung, and a general deafening clamor began without, mingled with threats, caustic and imprecations. This was responded to by loud laughter and much merriment within. Some were so good as to proclaim, "We care not what you do, so you do not break the windows." Nevertheless, I held on my way until my time expired, when my opponent proceeded quietly through. When Dr. Johnson was called up, as he rose, the music, oaths and threats began again, (a rose of the last being, "Dr. Johnson, I will tear out your heart.") While I was up, the cry had been, "we have a rail ready for you." The young gentlemen who had invited us said they would, with our assent, adjourn the meeting to a future day, and accordingly, when a reply had been made to Dr. Johnson, being the last speech intended to be made from the first, they adjourned.

When I arrived at the door the rail was there, and several entreaties were made, "take hold; hold it down!" We however passed over safely, and the only injury done was the breaking of a few panes of glass. I immediately addressed notes to the honorable Thomas Shannon, our State Senator, and to Mr. Isaac Barnes, our Whig candidate for the Legislature last year, they being citizens of Barnesville, inquiring the participation of themselves or their respective parties. The letters are entirely respectful, and I retained copies. No answers have been received. Mr. Barnes exhibited to me a list of names, assuring me that the most of them were Van Buren men. He however refused to give me any statement over his signature for publication, and conceiving myself capable of estimating his magnanimity, I have, for the present, set down the two gentlemen and most of their respective partisans in the place, as pleading guilty, on the principle that silence gives consent; for if we are not worthy a respectful answer, surely we may well judge we were deemed just fit to be mobbed. A private answer came to me indirectly from Mr. Shannon, but I shall not publish it until I am assured of its truth.

The debate was publicly adjourned to 10 o'clock, fast day two weeks; so that in broad day light, when none could claim to be asleep, Barnesville might show her naked face. She did it to the life. Her school-houses and church were closed, and the Episcopalian showed not a more mercenary attachment to the Goddess Diana, than did the mass of the citizens to the Demon of slavery. They seemed evidently afraid to hear lest they should believe. Mr. Barret, a poor but respectable weaver, offered us his shop. Soon the imps of the gentlemen of property and standing were there in great forces, with their sleek coats, bar-room airs, and pert jests; and after indulging in much laughing, stamping and loud talk, the owner respectfully asked them to leave the house, when they insulted him with drawn fists, and upon his giving one of them a push towards the door, they seized him as if to put him forcibly out of his own house; but on our demand they promptly let him go. After some additional alteration, one of the mob, (they being four-fifths of all present,) proposed that we be allowed to expose ourselves; but after considerable parley they resolved that we should not speak, nor should any abolitionists hereafter in Barnesville. On taking the vote, although several citizens were anxious to hear us, not a voice opposed. We simply responded, that tyranny reigned in Barnesville, we should report the fact. The young men affirmed and reiterated that they had the sanction of the whole community—at least of every respectable citizen of the place. I publicly affirmed my belief of the truth of their declaration in their sense of the word respectable; and that I despised their patrons more than themselves. Indeed I must say, from the intercourse which I had with these young men, I regard them as desperate neither in valor nor wickedness; and that their great sin seems to be a ready obedience to their pretended friends and superiors; and I should not be surprised if several of them should in future request their patrons to do their dirty work themselves. On the whole, I can but be amazed at the remark of a respectable colored man, said to have been made audibly at the door in great apparent good earnest—"I hear great talk about mean niggers, but the worst ever I see, I see to-day."

There are Justices and a Mayor in Barnesville, yet on neither occasion was the peace commanded, nor has any attempt been made to do honor to the law. The only acknowledgement of shame which I saw or heard of a public kind was, the cutting down of the liberty pole erected on the 4th of July. From the desire manifested to obtain the names of citizens who had communicated with me with regard to the first mob, I fear the good weaver, uncountenanced by either the pretendedly pious, the democrats or the whigs, will have to pocket the battery on his person, and the forcible possession of his house. I can only say, that he shall find me ready, at all times, so long as life shall last, to testify the truth in his behalf, and to do my duty as a citizen to obtain him justice. I was forcibly struck on entering this unobtrusive man's shop, that the poor man is the most open to the right. There have been, in all ages, a few Josephs of Arimathea who wish well at a distance; but it is the poor widow that steps forward and throws in her all.

Yours, &c.
ELI NICHOLS.

For the Philanthropist.

ILLUSTRATION OF THE DIVINE INSTITUTION.

Marietta, Nov. 22, 1832.

Dr. BAILEY.—The Philanthropist, Vol. 1, No. 24, contains a report and resolutions adopted at a meeting of the citizens of Clinton, Miss., Sept. 5, 1835, together with some explanatory remarks by Mr. Birney, concerning the character of the individuals therein named, most or all of whom were personally known to him. As the Philanthropist had but a limited circulation at that time, few of its present readers may have seen that singular production. Its length may preclude the possibility of republishing the whole; your attention is therefore desired to an extract as connected with several illustrations; the first from the identical paper containing the report and resolutions. The original Clinton Gazette is in my possession, and the illustration escaped my notice until quite recently. Placed in juxtaposition with the extract, these proofs of its truth, set off the theory as opposed to the practice of the "divine institution" in brilliant colors.

Extract From the Clinton Gaz. Sept. 12, 1835.

"The undersigned feel confident that slavery, throughout the south and west, is not felt as an evil, moral or political, but it is recognized with reference to the actual, and not to any utopian condition of our slaves, as a blessing both to master and slave; and that under the influence of this system, some of our western forests, like those of New England, have been reduced to cultivation—cities, towns and villages have sprung up as if by magic; the whole country has become overspread with a happy, and enlightened, and enterprising race of men. Under this system, the arts have eminently flourished; commerce in all its ramifications has been cherished and promoted. It is not true, as is foolishly imagined by those fanatical disturbers of the public repose, that slavery is an evil, even to those who are subject to it in the southern and western states. But in truth the condition of our negroes is infinitely more comfortable than that of the poor

working class of the north. They are more contented, more exempt from care and harassment of every kind, and more abundantly supplied with the necessities of life, and would evidently suffer serious detriment by an exchange of condition with them.

Why, then, this eternal uproar about the south? Why this mad crusade against the quiet and repose of southern people? Why these absurd and cruel attempts to engage an ignorant race in dangers that must inevitably tighten fetters, whose pressure they do not now feel, consume thousands in a hopeless struggle, in an object, which if attained, they would not be able to appreciate, and drag them down from that station of contented felicity where they now repose, to a condition fraught with a thousand evils, which language is too feeble successfully to portray?"

So much for the beautiful theory of this "divine institution." One might justly conclude from it, that the long-lost garden of Eden was at length discovered. But to the practice.

ILLUSTRATION I.

From the same *Gazette* of the same date.

"Was committed to the jail of Covington county, on the 3d instant, by Samuel C. Craft, Esq., two runaways, John and Henry. John is 5 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, 33 years of age, slender made, very black, THREE FINGERS ON ONE HAND AND TWO ON THE OTHER: HAS BEEN PROSTHETICALLY: says he is a carpenter, and can spell a little; says he belongs to William Vosey, St. John Baptist Parish, La.

Henry is 5 feet 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, 25 years of age, of a copper complexion, heavily built, HAS TWO SCARS ON THE BACK OF HIS HEAD.

He says he belongs to William Pitman about ten miles above the Old Red Church, on the coast, near New Orleans, La.

To the owners, &c. Aug. 10, 1835.

J. L. JOLLY, Sheriff.

ILLUSTRATION II.

From the *Clinton (Miss.) Gaz.* July 23, 1836.

Resolution 15. Provides for the appointment of a vigilance (alias Lynch) committee, whose duties are prescribed in resolution 2 and 4, viz.: "That the movements of every stranger from the north should be carefully watched," &c.; and, "That it is our decided opinion that any individual who dares to circulate, with a view to effectuate the designs of the abolitionists, any of the incendiary tracts or newspapers now in a course of transmission to this country, IS JUSTLY WORTHY IN THE SIGHT OF GOD AND MAN OF IMMEDIATE DEATH;" and we doubt not that such would be the punishment of any such offender in any part of the state of Mississippi where he may be found." Among other names on this committee are found Gen. H. S. Toote and R. H. Buckner Esq., whose zeal for the "divine institution" may be seen in

ILLUSTRATION III.

From the *Southern Argus* April 11, 1838. Published at Columbus, Miss.

MISSISSIPPI STATE LOTTERY.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF BRANDON ACADEMY.

To be drawn at Clinton, Miss., positively by the 2nd June, 1837; under the superintendence of the following gentlemen: R. H. BUCKNER, Esq., Gen. H. Dunlap, Gen. Silas Brown, Gen. H. S. TOOTE, Burr Garland, Esq., Capt. Geo. W. House, Gen. H. G. Runnels, W. H. Sheldred Esq., A. R. Johnson, Esq., Wm. W. Pinckard, Esq., Henry Dawson and James M. Wall.

GRAND SCHEME. Class No. I.

(Authorized by the Legislature of 1829.)

Real and personal estate pledged to the amount of \$550,000, for the faithful performance of the operation.

CAPITAL PRIZE.

A splendid plantation, four miles west of Clinton, 500 acres in cultivation, with a first rate new Mill and Gin, Dwelling House, Negro Cabins, Stables, &c., with 30 first NEGROES; Mules, Horses, Oxen, Cattle and HOGS; Farming utensils, and every article necessary to carry on a large cotton plantation. The whole is estimated at

100,000 DOLLARS."

Then follows 60 different prizes in land, "Yazoo Bottom," "Deer Creek," &c., and 25 prizes of \$1600 each—One NEGRO EACH—40,000.

Tickets \$20—Halves \$10.

ILLUSTRATION IV.

From the *Charleston (S. C.) Mercury*. A copy in my possession.

"NEGROES."

By THOMAS N. GADSDEN.

Will be sold, on the north of the Exchange at 11 o'clock, this day, 1st April, (1834) a prime family of Negroes, viz:

A remarkably likely WENCH, about 32 years old, a first rate cook, good washer and ironer &c., of warranted character, with her 4 children, viz:

A likely plough boy, 14 years old,

A do girl 8 do do,

A do boy 6 do do,

An INFANT, 6 or 8 months do.

Conditions cash—purchaser to pay for bills of sale."

Again, in the same publication,

"By THOMAS N. GADSDEN,

Will be sold at the north of the Exchange at 11 o'clock, this day, 10th April, without reserve, to satisfy a mortgage from James Dupre to Thomas Bennett, six very likely NEGROES accustomed to the city, viz:

Charles, a likely young fellow 25 years old; Sarah, a prime wench about 35 years old; Susan, a smart girl about 7 years old; John, a smart boy 4 years old; Isaac, a smart boy 4 years old; an INFANT, 6 months old.

Conditions cash—Purchaser to pay for bills of sale."

So much for the practice. What a "station of contented felicity" to be DRAGGED DOWN" from. To quote another elegant phrase from the same report. Base "abolition fanatics, that by hypocritical ranting, and crocodile tears, are attempting an object so anti-republican, anti-christian, shockingly unholy and fiendish." "To remove this disgrace of our nation, and relieve the outcast, I am, dear sir, entirely yours,

SAM'L HALL.

ANTI-SLAVERY.

We have received from Lewis Tappan, of New York, the following important letter from Lewis Sheridan, of Liberia, with the introductory remarks by our esteemed friend Tappan. We have no room for comment this week. Let every friend of the colored man read it. It confirms all that we have previously stated in regard to the Colony of Liberia, and of the cruel and deceptive policy of the Colonization Society.—ED. FEERAN.

IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE FROM LIBERA-

RIA.

A letter, just received, from Mr. Lewis Sheridan, is so important, that I deem it a duty to publish it, duly authenticated, for the information of my countrymen, both white and colored, although its publication may expose both the writer and myself to undeserved obloquy from persons whose interests, commitments, or feelings are greatly concerned. Doubtless there are still some excellent persons who contribute time and money in aid of this plan, who do not see its injurious bearings upon the welfare of the free people of color in the United

States, or that it is, as Wilberforce expresses himself, an "obstruction" to the emancipation of the slaves. But, agreeing with Mr. Gerrit Smith, that the Colonization Society "is the greatest enemy of the colored people," and that its policy toward them "is cruel and wicked," it would be an act of inhumanity not to apprise them of the state of things on the coast of Africa, when new and extraordinary efforts are made to induce them to colonize. At the same time the information will prove useful to well-meaning, but deluded persons, who, under a misapprehension of facts and the bearings of the Society upon their free and enslaved countrymen, sit, by their contributions, the scheme of expatriation.

A great outcry was made when the testimony of Mr. Thomas C. Brown, a highly respectable colored citizen, was publicly taken in Chatham Street Chapel, after his return from Liberia, because many of his statements were deemed injurious to the Colonization Society. This intelligent and upright witness was grossly calumniated, for giving a narration of facts, and yet subsequently, namely, on the 6th day of May, 1836, Gov. J. B. Pinney, in conversation with Wm. Goodell, in this city, corroborated the principal statements made by Mr. Brown. In the present case it is not to be feared, that similar abuse may be poured upon Mr. Sheridan, and his correspondent; his letter may be denounced as a "forgery;" it would be said that it is inconsistent with itself; that a colored man could not have written such a letter; and that Sheridan is a character who has undergone a great change since he left his native country. To all this it will be sufficient to say, that his hand writing and character are well known in this city, and that the original letter may be seen on application to the Rev. S. E. Cornish, editor of the Colored American, No 2 Frankfort Street.

In the early part of 1837, perceiving by the newspapers, that Mr. Sheridan contemplated going to Liberia, I addressed a letter to him to advise—

"New York, 9th March, 1837. Mr. Louis Sheridan, Fayetteville, N. C.—Dear Sir, Hearing it stated that you are going to Liberia, permit me to ask, what has changed your mind on this subject since you told me in this city that you considered the Colonization scheme as the greatest humbug ever palmed off upon the American people. Is it new and severer oppression, under which you are suffering in your native state, N. C., that induces you to quit your native shores? I wish also to call your attention to the twenty slaves you promised me you would emancipate. Are they emancipated? Not why, have you not fulfilled your promise? Please to give me the desired information, and believe that I shall always feel much interested in your welfare and usefulness. Yours, very respectfully, LEWIS TAPPAN.

New-York, Nov. 24, 1838.

To Lewis Tappan, Esq.

New-York, U. S. America, via London.

VERY DEAR SIR.—In looking over some memoranda of my correspondence with the Colonization Societies in America, I find a letter, addressed by you to me, when in N. C., the subject matter whereof having been replied to at that time, the review at this date seems only to call up the remembrance of former kindness, an acknowledgment whereof I would not on proper occasion omit to make. This premium, I now set to my task of making you acquainted, so far as my own knowledge, derived from observation and information, extends, with the particulars of our situation, and the prospects connected with these settlements of the Colony in Liberia. I was sent here under the patronage of the Young Men's Colonization Society of Pennsylvania and New York, for the purpose of making developments of the resources of the soil in Africa. I accordingly arrived on the 7th of February, 1838, on 1837, and this closed our correspondence, until I unexpectedly received the letter from Liberia. In his reply he gives the reason of his determination. Speaking of the free people of color, he says—"Our cause being that in which the smallest degree of interest is conceived, nothing possible to be done is left unattempted to degrade and bring us down below the standing of their very slaves, and the consequence is, that under the now existing state of things, we, the free people of color, are denied of all the privileges marking the attributes of a man." He says he might go on to detail the wrongs to which the free people of color were subjected under color of law—but that his heart "sickens at the review." That "in this state of feeling ever present with him, he had been written to again and again to go to Liberia," and he had finally made up his mind to do so—that his mind remained unchanged with regard to the Colonization scheme; that he thought no better of it than before; that he was resolved to go some where, as he thought the time would come when the free colored people would be compelled to leave the country."

The inquiry will be made by many, who is Lewis Sheridan? The first knowledge the undersigned had of him, was his presenting a letter of introduction, August 26, 1834, to Arthur Tappan & Co., N. Y., from John Owen, ex-governor of North Carolina, written not long after the mobs in this city, stating that Mr. Sheridan was a citizen of Elizabethtown, Bladen county, N. C., well known to him, as a worthy and intelligent merchant, worth about ten thousand dollars, and responsible for all the contracts he might make.—Agreeably to Mr. Owen's request, Mr. Sheridan was introduced to several merchants in this city, and purchased on credit about twelve thousand dollars worth of goods, which, it is believed, he paid for with honorable fidelity. He was well known to Thomas L. Callendar, Esq., merchant in this city, and to Messrs. E. L. & W. Winslow, of Fayetteville, N. C., and to many other respectable persons in Philadelphia and New York.

The character of Mr. Sheridan can be further ascertained by reference to the reports of the Colonization Societies. In the 21st annual report of the "American Society for Colonizing the free people of color of the U. S.," it is remarked that "the Managers stated in their last report, that the brig Rondout had been chartered by the society to convey a select company of emigrants from Wilmington, N. C., to Liberia." Unfortunately this vessel did not afford the accommodations expected, and Lewis Sheridan, a free man of color of great respectability, and an interesting character, was made to suffer. On the 20th November, and immediately commenced arrangements for fitting out an expedition for your Colony at Bassa Cove." After giving an interesting statement of the promptitude with which the master in many instances emancipated his slaves, and the liberality with which he furnished provisions for the voyage; and also the eagerness with which the men of color seized the opportunity of going to the land of liberty, Mr. Buchanan concludes his report with the following character of Lewis Sheridan, a colored man, who went as an emigrant with the expedition. Mr. Sheridan, who is already personally known to me as the leader, I may say the father of this expedition, is, in my opinion, every way worthy of your confidence, and eminently qualified for great usefulness in Africa. For energy of mind, firmness of purpose, and variety of knowledge, he has no superior. He is emphatically a self-made man, who has fought his way through adverse and depressing circumstances, to an eminence seldom if ever attained by any of his color in this country. He has for years been engaged in an extensive and successful business, and is worth fifteen to twenty thousand dollars. Throughout his native state he is honored and esteemed by all who know him, and he leaves this country with the best wishes of every class of the community. It may be asked, why such a man, with an ample fortune, influential

friends, and well established reputation, should wish to emigrate? It is, because, with all his dignity and talents, he cannot in this country enjoy an equality of rights; because, with all his refinement and worth, he is doomed in the deepest intercourse of life to degrading associations; and more than all, because he is fired with a noble desire to elevate the down-trodden millions of his brethren, by giving them a country and a name. These are the motives that induced Sheridan and his associates to leave their native land. The whole number of emigrants enrolled, when I left Wilmington, was eighty-four. In this connexion, permit me to express my grateful acknowledgements of the hospitality and various assistance rendered me by the citizens of N. Carolina, generally, in the prosecution of my enterprise."

Such was the estimation in which Mr. Lewis Sheridan was held, prior to his departure. Every reader of the annexed letter will judge for himself of the measure of credit to be awarded to the statements of the writer. But it should be understood, that the merits of the colonization scheme do not depend upon the truth of the statements, made from time to time, for or against the Colonies. The Colonization Society is objected to for the following among other reasons: It is opposed by the intelligent colored people of this country; it has made itself auxiliary in the expulsion of the people of color; it colonizes slaves; it is not hostile to slavery; it trades upon the free blacks; sanctions and strengthens the existing prejudice against them; discourages and opposes their elevation in this country, and countenances oppression to induce emigration; in its publications it apologizes for slavery;

POETRY.

For the Philanthropist.

"Oh that I had the wings of a dove, for then would I fly
away and be at rest."

I'd leave the busy haunts of conscious care
To some sequestered lonely lair, repair,
Where life's tumultuous scenes are laid at rest.
And earthly woes no more distract the breast,
Some sacred isles—sures from Despot's form,
More blessed than demon of the storm."
The tyrant's foot-step never pressed the sod
Or trod to earth the image of his God,
I'd fly—oh no! for whilst I speak. Behold,
A brother there, for pity lures sold,
Torn, rudely torn from all he valued most.
The white man's by-word and the tyrant's boast,
With hands uplifted hear plead in vain,
His fierce oppressor triumphs in his pain.
Here widows wring their hands in wild despair,
There cries of orphans rend the troubled air.
Ye friends of justice, plead their injured cause
And snatch the helpless from destruction's jaws.
Well may the fair form be proud to wield
The Christian armor and the gospel shield,
In solid phalanx let your forces move
Your watch-word "Justice" and your motto "Love."
Our hallowed flag though stained with martyr's blood
Shall proudly wave where leagued oppression stood.
Fearless advance, 'tis conquest there to die,
Let not the weakest soldier basely fly.
Who flies the field must live a cowering slave,
Who flies for freedom claims the martyr's grave.
Ever freedom's host the agonized shield resign,
O! martyred Lovejoy let thy grave be mine,

P. Belmont Guinea, Belmont Co. O. 1st mo. 1839.

MISCELLANEOUS.

From the Franklin Farmer.

Culture of Silk.—No. 4.—Erection of a Cocoonery.

Having given all the necessary instructions, from the planting to the complete establishment of a mulberry orchard, the next thing in order, for the production of silk, is to prepare a proper feeding apartment or cocoonery, and the necessary fixtures for the accommodation of the worms.

It would not however be understood, that the plan I shall here propose, is absolutely necessary in all its minute, to secure a profitable return from the labors of the silk worm: but is one that I have been led to adopt, after deriving information from every quarter, and from the various experiments I have made upon many plants that have been recommended, and with a strict regard to the one important object in every pursuit, viz: to obtain the greatest amount of profit from the least expense and labor. But if the circumstances of the individual will not justify the expense of a complete establishment, the worms may be profitably reared, in any spare room, barn, or outbuilding, enclosed in such a manner as to exclude the rains and chilling winds, and fitted up with shelves, of common boards, (plank) for the worms to feed upon, which, with proper care and attention, will soon enable the proprietor to substitute such improvements as will greatly reduce the labor of tending, and consequently add much to the profits of the establishment.

Where there is no spare building upon the farm, and it is found necessary to erect one expressly for a cocoonery, it should be on an airy situation, and if convenient, so as to be shaded by trees, which should be so pruned as to admit of a free circulation of air under them, and if there be none already growing on the spot, it would be well to transplant some for the purpose, making choice of such as are of the most rapid growth.

Cocooneries are generally constructed with a frame and covered with common boards, matched or tongued together, and placed up and down, or weather-boarded. I should prefer they be built of logs, the joints filled and plastered with lime mortar. This will tend to keep up a more uniform temperature throughout the 24 hours, which is one important object to be attained as to the logs are not so rapidly heated through by the sun as in buildings of ordinary construction. The dimensions of the building should be governed by the hurdles or feeding shelves of convenient size, and to contain two double ranges in width, and as many in length as will accommodate the number of worms intended to be fed. My hurdles are 2 feet 2 inches wide, and 5 feet 9 inches long. A building then 24 feet long and 18 feet wide (in the clear) will admit the given number in the width and 3 in length, leaving a passage of 3 feet around the sides of the building, and one 3 feet 4 inches through the middle; the height should be such as to admit of 4 or 5 hurdles one above another, with a space of at least 14 inches between them.

Light being essential to the health of the silk worms, the building should be well supplied with windows, which instead of glass, may be filled with oil-clothes, which will admit of a sufficient degree of light and exclude the rays of the sun, which should never be allowed to shine on the worms. Thin strips nailed across a frame each way, will answer for the sash. It should also have several openings, or ventilators in the sides near the floor, for the admission of fresh air; these may be 1 or 2 feet long, and 6 or 8 inches wide, and may be stopped with a little shutter snugly fitted in, or made of hung or slide, as best suits the convenience of the builder.

The house should be set some distance from the ground, and one plank under each tier of hurdles in the floor should be left so as to be opened, as occasion may require. The roof should also be furnished with at least one scuttle, or a door in each gable end for the escape of foul or heated air.

In sudden changes from extreme heat to cold, or in long seasons of damp weather, a stove or fire place would be found serviceable to raise the temperature, or to expel the dampness and rectify the stagnant atmosphere of the apartment; and in very large establishments, one or more of these, and also a thermometer are indispensable necessity. Care should be taken to guard the building against rats and mice. Ans are also enemies to the worms, but should they make their appearance in the cocoonery, their communications may be cut off by putting a little tar or turpentine around the feet of the posts which sustain the hurdles. Where large numbers of worms are to be fed, there should be a cellar under a part of the building, or a shed near by, with a clay floor, for the purpose of keeping or drying leaves for use during rainy weather, as wet leaves are highly injurious to the worms.

In fitting up the hurdles or feeding shelves for a building of the size here given, it will require a double range of posts—say 2 by 3 inches square—each side of the centre of the room running lengthwise, and the length of the shelves a part in the ranges, and each two corresponding posts crosswise of the ranges about the width of two shelves apart. In each double range across these posts are nailed strips one inch or more in width, on which the shelves rest, which may be drawn out, or slide in from their respective passages, as may be found necessary in feeding. If boards are used for hurdles, it will be well to nail thin strips around the edges of them so as to project one inch above the top, to prevent the worms from falling off.

My hurdles are of twine net work, and made in the following manner: A frame is first made of the size given above, like the outside of a window sash of boards, 1 inch thick and 2 inches wide—perhaps plank 1/8 inches thick and 1 1/2 inches wide would do better—with two pieces 1 by 1 of an inch square, braided in across the frame at equal

distances, to prevent the twine from springing sideways. On a line about 1/4 inch around from the inner edge of frame, are driven tacks nearly down to their heads, at a distance of between 1/4 to 1/2 of an inch from each other. The tacks are of the size called 8 or 10 oz. of good quality, i. e. without sharp corners under their heads. Coarse twine, near 1/8 of an inch in diameter, is fastened to the tack at one corner, and carried lengthwise of the frame around the next two tacks, until the whole be filled; small twine is then used to go crosswise; a part is then taken double, sufficiently long to go across the frame, being put over and under each thread of wrap or coarse twine alternately, and around the tacks on each side as before. This should be done in dry weather, or when the twine is dry, otherwise it will stretch and remain bagging. A coat of varnish is then applied to the net work, made of gum shell dissolved in alcohol, by the heat of the sun or a slow fire, and reduced to the consistence of common paint or varnish. It should be made in a covered vessel, to prevent evaporation.

The netting is then slightly moistened to tighten the cords, that they may not be displaced by the brush in applying the varnish. The frame should be held edgewise, and only a part of one side varnished, before it is finished on the opposite side, as it suddenly dries and cannot be laid on smooth. By this application the twine is secured to its place, and is less affected by the dampness of the atmosphere, and the moisture of the leaves, and consequently rendered more durable, and is also more easily cleared of the webs and litter of the worms.

A good Farm of 80 acres, situated near to the McAdamized road, six miles from town, with 60 acres in cultivation, a frame house having four rooms and a cellar; also a farm house 50 by 40 feet, a log house and a garden with 15 to 20 fruit trees. The land is rolling, and well-watered with fruit trees.

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The netting is then slightly moistened to tighten the cords, that they may not be displaced by the brush in applying the varnish. The frame should be held edgewise, and only a part of one side varnished, before it is finished on the opposite side, as it suddenly dries and cannot be laid on smooth.

By this application the twine is secured to its place, and is less affected by the dampness of the atmosphere, and the moisture of the leaves, and consequently rendered more durable, and is also more easily cleared of the webs and litter of the worms.

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